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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideyuki MIYATA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2633

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Examiner: A. Bello

For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND METHOD WHICH ADJUST RISE AND FALL TIME OF SIGNAL LIGHT TO BE TRANSMITTED

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on March 21, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 21, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 9, 10, 21, 30, 34 and 36, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims as indicated below:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:  
an optical transmitter transmitting a signal light to a transmission path; and  
a receiver receiving the transmitted signal light through the transmission path, wherein  
the signal light has a corresponding rise time and fall time and the transmitter adjusts at least  
one of the rise time and fall time in accordance with characteristics of the signal light at the  
receiver.